Poplar Street. Jan 25. 1842.

Dear Deborah,

I wrote you on Tuesday last I think a week ago to day, and will take you up where I set you down. Emma & Anne went in town Tuesday and on Wed night E. sent out Lucia's cloak cut by the pattern of hers. As I may as well dismiss the subject of cloaks here, I will say that the cloaks are very pretty; the colour is a beautiful fawn; they are trimmed all round with two folds, put on with silk piping - large cord, they are short, but not very short, the cape & collar of a pointed kind both trimmed with 2 folds in the same way. The front breadths lined with light blue silk. Lucia has a white watered silk bonnet like mine, & Emma a coarse [illegible] straw, trimmed with a chenie blue ribbon & blue flowers - I think on the strength of all this they ought to cease. Miss Watson made Emma's for $3,75. We hired Martha Bond at our house on Thursday, & Lucretia worked also, & Lucia made her own - Now what do you think of my having a new cloak. Well, I have one which cost me only $1.20. Warren brought home two large pieces of twilled figured cotton which I cannot describe better than by saying it looked like an imitation of the cashmere cloak of Henrietta's - or like a shawl. At any rate it is quite likely looking stuff and as I was in a suffering state I went to work, Lucia cut the cloak out by hers & with a little help from her, I made it into a short cloak & it looks very well; not like the young Misses Weston's to be sure, but very well for une peu passée like me. Henrietta & Catherine doat upon it & Mrs Chapman sen thinks very well of it - Well, it took us at W. all the last week to make these habiliments, especially as L. made Hanny a very nice little cloak of her old brown merino. Lucretia was with us most of several days. Sunday Weymouth was again annoyed by Mr Perkins' iniquity - Lunsford Lane was coming & Cyrus Burleigh with him & E. Richards were fo

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Mr Perkins' meeting house. Mr P. declined - "why" said Elias. Mr P. disapproved of Burleigh's sentiments - would not let him into his pulpit. Elias said he would write Burleigh word not to come at this time - By the way, Mr P. would let him come if he would pledge himself not to say any thing extraneous. Of course, Elias could not pledge Burleigh. Then Mr P. said he would not have Mr Spear at any rate. He would not have him in his pulpit & he should not think Mr Spear would wish to come; but he finally said he would take up a collection for Lunsford after service Sunday afternoon, he (Mr P. telling the story. As Elias did not feel at liberty to do any thing to hinder Lunsford from getting a cent from any body he consented & Mr P. told the story & took up $23. & notice was given of a meeting at the Universalist House in the evening. Mr P. also gave notice of his own prayer meeting. That was attended by 8! & the most of Mr P's church crowded over to the Universalist. The house was thronged to suffocation, benches in all the aisles. Lunsford told his story very well & for the space of an hour answered all the questions speered at him in a manner most admirably calculated to ~~xx~~ produce a good effect for the Cause. Spear by the way a good prayer first & he & Charles his brother spoke some; they then took up a collection and all that was got (Mr Perkins' & all amounted to $64. We are certainly making W. a hot Anti Slavery place. After the collection elegant anthems were sung, & Burleigh then gave an A. S. address, & all dispersed breathing out slaughter against Mr Perkins' whose great meeting house was standing so quietly unoccupied while the church & congregation were nearly smothered in the Universalist. I hope this may oust Mr P. at any rate it will help to do so. Lunsford had his little girl with him. - This morning (Tuesday) after a very hard struggle, even for Weymouth Lucia & I took the stage & here we are. Lucia at [illegible] Chauncy Place, & I here. I have called at C. Place to day & find all well. Mr C. is recovered, & Henry, they say is really better. Maria however is not well, so I was wrong to say all are. She has the rheumatism. Same thing as she had several years ago, but not so bad. Mary was gone to see Mrs Grafton. & now for a little business. I fear you will be sorry for the way in which the matter of your business with the Dr terminated, but I could not help it. I meant to have sent him a note asking him for the bill, but on Thursday Mrs Fifield called with the note & with the interest all reckoned, & of course, I could not refuse to pay her. I paid her $35,25 there being $10. 25 for interest & I shall take care they never have a chance for their interest again. I enclose the note & the bill she gave me on which the interest was reckoned. I doubt if it would have made any difference had I settled it with him, for they are very ravenous I judge just now for money. I put in an exact account of how I have disposed of your money

Received of Henry after the Fair	$87.00
Tinker's Bill	18.00
Liberator	2 50
Dr Fifield	35. 25
To Ma	5 00
Aunt Priscilla for land	25.00
Your collar	1 00
	86,75

This you see accounts for all save a 25 cts which has got lost in the muddle, so do not say that I do not keep my accounts all straight. Your collar will not come this time, for I dare not bring it alone & could not get the time to stop. But it shall come by any one from N. B at the annual meeting & also the copies you speak of. this I pledge you I will see to. I am going to get my $50 of Henry; this with your $25 will be $75. They owe Ma about $10 more, so that it will leave her only $15 more to pay for the land & they will give C. a deed of it immediately. As I have had a good deal of money of her, I am glad for my part to have it thus arranged. Also it will much oblige Grandmamma. Aunt M. expects to be in town tomorrow if Aunt Phebe be well enough, but Aunt P. had a most dreadful cold yesterday. Aunt Priscilla is as usual. Ma continues well, only of course, all this cloak making was some upon her, as she did some of the worst of it. But she will have a quiet time this week. Little Anny has behaved sweetly. I had a letter from E. Pease by the Britannia which I enclose. Send it back the very first chance as I want to answer it. I will keep you informed of all as well as I can. I shall probably stay a fortnight in town. Mrs Porter has lost her youngest child, a girl of 3 by the croup. They are much troubled. Henrietta & Catharine send love & wish you were to be with me to night in the trundle bed. I heartily wish it too.

Boz arrived with his wife & was last night at the theatre. Henry went to see him. Nickleby was acted & then a sort of Masque where all Dickens' principal characters appeared. They gave Dickens three times three & at every round, he came forward & bowed. He is a very handsome man & will probably be followed with "alley too yoh's" (see Miggs) wherever he goes.

The Earl of Mulgrave is here too. He is sort of anti Slavery having behaved well as Gov of Jamaica. Anna Cabot is engaged to a son of Giles Lodge. Her mother says she has not married into the nobility but into a very literary family. I think Miss Arnold behaved shabbily about the lesley but I cannot remember, tho' I think it was $10.

Write to me at Boston & I will write to you by whoever comes from N.B. I am sorry for the Eddys. Give my love to Mrs Beane, Abby & all I know.

yrs ever AWW.

Chauncy P

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